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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF TWO ARMISH/MAAG OFFICERS

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1. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE ASSASSINATION DISCLOSED TWO WITNESSES AT THE SCENE, ONE AT TIME OF INTERCEPT AND SECOND SHORTLY AFTER ASSASSINATION TOOK PLACE. POLICE HAVE QUESTIONED WITNESSES BUT STATEMENTS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

2. RSO WAS AT SCENE WITH AFOSI WHICH INVESTIGATING CASE WITH POLICE. POLICE KEPT EVERYONE AWAY FROM VEHICLES BECAUSE POSSIBILITY PLANTED EXPLOSIVES. PREVIOUSLY SEEN IN OFFICER'S VEHICLE WAS A BRIEFCASE WHICH LOOKED SAME AS SHAFFER'S. BOMB PERSONNEL SUSPECTED BOMB IN OR BENEATH BRIEFCASE. ONG ROPE PLACE AROUND BRIEFCASE. WHEN PULLED, BRIEFCASE EXPLODED. NO ONE HURT. BOMB SQUAD BELIEVES THERE MAY BE ANOTHER BOMB AND ARE CAREFULLY SEARCHING OTHER TWO VEHICLES AT SCENE.

3. TERRORIST FOLLOW VEHICLE WAS A RED CIRROEN DUCHAVEAUX  
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PICK-UP TRUCK WHICH WAS EVIDENTLY USED AS A COVER VEHICLE TO

ALLAY SUSPICIONS OF PRE-ACTION SURVEILLANCE. THIS CAR FOLLOWED OFFICER'S VEHICLE AND PREVENTED THEM FROM BACKING UP WHEN CUT OFF BY WHITE PEYKAN IN FRONT.

4. THERE WERE AN ESTIMATED FIVE MEN IN THE OPERATION; THREE IN THE WHITE PEYKAN WHICH CUT OFF THE OFFICER'S CAR; ONE IN THE FOLLOW VEHICLE AND POSSIBLY ONE IN THE YELLOW PEYKAN USED IN THE GETAWAY. IT MAY BE THAT THE NUMBER WAS FOUR AND THAT THE DRIVER OF THE WHITE BEYKAN MAY HAVE, DURING THE MURDER, SWITCHED FROM THE WHITE TO THE YELLOW PEYKAN, STARTED THE CAR, AND WAITED FOR THE OTHER THREE ASSASSINS TO ENTER THE CAR AND THEN DRIVE AWAY.

5. ONE EYEWITNESS WAS ABLE TO GIVE A GOOD DESCRIPTION OF ONE ASSASSIN TO THE POLICE. THE OFFICERS' DRIVER WAS ABLE TO GET THE FIRST, THIRD AND LAST DIGITS OF THE 5 NUMBER LICENSE PLATE. POLICE SAY .38 CALIBRE HAND WEAPONS WERE USED. ONE CARTRIDGE CASING CRIMPING INDICATE BULLETS HOME MADE AND LOADED. THIS POINT WILL BE PURSUED.

6. EMBASSY RECEIVED FOLLOWING CALLS FROM ALLEGED MEMBERS OF MOJAHEDDIN-E-KHALQ(PEOPLE'S STRUGGLERS): EMBASSY LOCAL SECURITY UNIT-09:45; CONSULAR SECTION-10:50; DATT-11:50; CONSUL, CONSULATE SECTION-12:00; ARMATT-12:30; ONE ADDITIONAL CALL WAS MADE TO AP AT 13:15. THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE TO THE RSO'S LOCAL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT WAS: "I AM FROM A GROUP WHICH CALLS ITSELF KHALGH-E-MOJAHED AND I AM WARNING YOU THAT NINE HIGH-RNAKING AMERICAN PERSONS ARE TO BE KILLED AND THIS MORNING'S KILLINGS ARE PART OF THAT, AND IS MEANT AS PUNISHMENT FOR THE AMERICANS." THE MESSAGES TO DAO WERE IDENTICAL: "WE WILL NOT LEAVE SAVAGE BEHAVIOR OF THE CRIMINAL SHAH WITHOUT RESPONSE. EXECUTION OF THE U.S. ADVISORS WAS AN ANSWER TO KILLING OF NINE(9)CAPTURED REVOLUTIONISTS IN THE INHUMAN PRISON OF THE CRIMINAL SHAH. SIGNED OFF SAZMAN-E-MOJAHEDIN-E-KHALGH-E-IRAN. OTHERS WERE VARIANTS OF THE SAME THEME.

7. PRINCIPAL TELEPHONIST WAS YOUNG WOMAN ABOUT 25, WELL EDUCATED, TEHRAN NATIVE, AND BACKGROUND NOISES INDICATE TELEPHONE BOOTH USED. WHEN SHE SPOKE ENGLISH IT WAS HALTING AND SHE SEEMED COACHED BY A MALE VOICE. ONLY ONE CALL KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN MADE CONFIDENTIAL

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BY MALE, FIRST CALL TO CONSULAR SECTION AT 10:50; HE SOUNDED YOUNG ABOUT 25, SPOKE IN BROKEN ENGLISH, WAS NERVOUS AND SEEMED TO BE PROMPTED BY A MALE IN THE BACKGROUND. THE FEMALE SOUNDED NERVOUS TO TWO RECIPIENTS OF CALLS. ALL CALLS REFLECTED BACKGROUND NOISES WHICH ARE ASSOCIATED WITH PUBLIC TELEPHONE BOOTHS. THE CALL TO AP APPERARS TO BE A LONGING OF THE GROUP FOR PUBLICITY AND TO BE CERTAIN THE PRESS RECEIVES THEIR STORY.

8. SECURITY MEASURES ARE BEING STRENGTHENED AT THE HOMES OF KEY PERSONNEL AND AT THE COMPOUND. PERSONNEL ARE BEING ADVISED TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. THERE WILL BE A REISSUANCE OF RELEVANT SECURITY MATERIALS.

9. SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE WAS CONVENED BY CHARGE' D'AFFAIRES A.I., 21 MAY, AND GUIDANCE GIVEN. WILL FORWARD COPY OF SWC NOTES.

10. WILL ADVISE IF THERE ARE ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS. LIAISON WORKING WELL WITH GOI AND US LAW ENFORCEMENT ELEMENTS. MIKLOS

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